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TITLE OF INVENTION: COLOR DATA ACCURACY CALCULATING METHOD, COLOR DATA ACCURACY CALCULATING APPARATUS,
COLOR PROCESSING METHOD, COLOR PROCESSING APPARATUS, COLOR DATA ACCURACY CALCULATING PROGRAM, COLOR
PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 947 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 947 day(s).

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:
Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's attorney/agent of record, Mr. Jesse Sukman, Registration No. 54,477, on 11/07/2008, at 3:15 p.m., Examiner's amendment:

In The Claims

(a). The following changes to the claims have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

(i) Replace the subject matter of claim 1 as presented in the amendment filed on 05/07/2008 with:

Examiner's amendment: "A color data accuracy calculation method comprising:

using a computer, performing the steps of:

extracting from a plurality of color signal pairs each including an input color signal in an input color space and a counterpart output color signal in an output color space, a target color signal pair including a target input color signal and a counterpart target output color signal in the output color space, which is to be calculated an accuracy thereof; extracting from the plurality of color signal pairs, a plurality of output vicinity color signals corresponding to a plurality of input vicinity color signals, which are located in the vicinity of the target input color signal in the input color space; and calculating a color signal pair accuracy of the target color signal pair on the basis of a relation between the target output color signal and the plurality of output vicinity color signals, wherein the calculating is calculating the color signal pair accuracy using a color signal statistical distance, which is a statistical distance between the target output color signal and the plurality of output vicinity color signals, and wherein the calculating is calculating the color signal pair accuracy using a monotone decreasing and smooth function of the color signal statistical distance".

(ii) Replace the subject matter of claim 9 as presented in the amendment filed on 05/07/2008 with:

Examiner's amendment: "A color process method comprising:

using a computer, performing the steps of:

extracting from a plurality of real data pairs each including:

an input color signal in an input color space to one of a color image input apparatus and a color image output apparatus; and a counterpart output color signal in an output color space, a target color signal pair including a target input color signal and a counterpart target output color signal in the output color space, which is to be calculated an accuracy thereof;

extracting from the plurality of real data pairs, a plurality of output vicinity color signals corresponding to a plurality of input vicinity color signals, which are located in the vicinity of the target input color signal in the input color space; calculating a color signal pair accuracy of the target color signal pair on the basis of a relation between the target output color signal and the plurality of output vicinity color signals; repeating the extracting the target color signal pair, the extracting the output vicinity color signals, and the calculating the color signal pair accuracy while changing the target color signal pair to calculate accuracies of the real data pairs; and calculating a prediction output color signal corresponding to a desired input color signal based on the real data pairs and the accuracies of the real data pairs, wherein the calculating is calculating the color signal pair accuracy using a color signal statistical distance, which is a statistical distance between the target output color signal and the plurality of output vicinity color signals, and wherein the calculating is calculating the color signal pair accuracy using a monotone decreasing and smooth function of the color signal statistical distance". .